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Sir: I didn't "announce to the world," or anyone else, that I was going to take Sirhan's case, and I wasn't "chasing" it as you made it appear [May 23].

Sirhan's family has been contacting me repeatedly for the last month to "take over" his case. I have been very particular not to "announce" that I was to become Sirhan's lawyer because I have presently a conflict of interest and I fully advised the family of this on their first visit. I haven't talked with Sirhan, and if I were to represent him, this I would have to do unless I were to write an *amicus curiae* brief for the family solely.

When the facts of my "conflict of interest" presently with Sirhan are fully reported, I think you will see how concerned I am that you misinterpreted my communications with the Sirhan family.

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